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Mr. Michael LoGrande Department of City Planning City Hall, Room 525 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

June 26, 2012

Re:

9933, 9937, 9941 W. Tower Lane

Bel Air Knolls Property Owners Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners Bel Air Ridge Association Benedict Canyon Association Brentwood Hills Homeowners Brentwood Residents Coalition Cahuenga Pass Property Owners

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood

Canvon Back Alliance Crests Neighborhood Assn. Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West Franklin Hills Residents Assn. Highlands Owners Assn.

Hollywood Dell Civic Assn. Hollywood Heights Assn. Hollywoodland Homeowners Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.

Kagel Canyon Civic Assn. Lake Hollywood HOA Laurel Canyon Assn.

Lookout Mountain Alliance Los Feliz Improvement Assn. Mt. Olympus Property Owners Mt. Washington Homeowners All. Nichols Canyon Assn.

N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon Oak Forest Canyon Assn. Oaks Homeowners Assn. **Outpost Estates Homeowners** Pacific Palisades Residents Assn. Residents of Beverly Glen

Roscomare Valley Assn. Shadow Hills Property Owners Sherman Oaks HO Assn. Studio City Residents Assn. Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.

Tarzana Property Owners Assn. Torreyson Flynn Assn.

Upper Mandeville Canvon Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Mr. LoGrande:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing forty resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, supports Benedict Canyon Association, the Bel Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, and Councilmember Koretz in asking that all waivers for the Tower Lane project be denied and that the applicant be required to complete a full EIR as required by law.

This is a massive project which will require extensive grading that will have a severe impact with the loss of protected native oak and sycamore trees as well as the loss of invaluable open space and wildlife corridors in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The applicant has a history of unresolved orders to comply with illegal grading and retaining walls and is attempting to circumvent current CEQA evaluation. To allow him to avoid a full EIR would make a mockery of California state law.

The Federation urges the Department of City Planning to require that the applicant comply with all codes and complete the mandated full EIR for the project.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

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Nickie Miner, Benedict Canyon Assn. cc: Bel Air/Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Councilmember Paul Koretz

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